(iii) Secretary, Town Club, Kunnamkulam.
(iv) Young Men's Association, Trichur.

		Rs.	as.	ps.
(*b*) Perumpilavu	....	50	0	0
Cranganur	....	100	0	0
Kunnamkulam	....	100	0	0
Trichur	....	200	0	0

(*c*) (*i*) Nil.

(ii) to (iv) No answer is necessary in view of answer to *c* (*i*).

PUBLIC WELL—KOONAMMUCHI—CONSTRUCTION OF.

333. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*) Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the necessity of a public well at Koonammuchi near the St. Thomas School has been brought to the notice of the Government;

(*b*) if the answer to sub-division (*a*) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to say why this was delayed?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rock-blasting in the existing wells that get dry in summer was tried, but was not successful. Steps will be taken to construct a new well.

NAME-BOARDS—PANCHAYAT ROADS—PARTICULARS REGARDING.

334. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) what is the average cost of a name-board put up on the roads in Srimulanagaram Panchayat;

(*b*) how many such boards have been put up in that Panchayat;

(*c*) were these boards made by any contractor or by the Department;

(*d*) what is the object of putting up these name-boards on Panchayat roads;

(*e*) how much money has been spent in putting up these boards in the three divisions in the State, separately, and what is the average cost per board in each Division;

(*f*) were these boards designed by the Panchayat Department; if so, what is the reason for different patterns of boards and different patterns of letters on boards being seen in different Panchayats?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): (*a*) Rs. 3—13—5.

(*b*) 20 boards in 1112 and 11 boards in 1113, i. e., 31 boards.

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(*c*) Name-boards were made in 1112 by contract agency and in 1113 departmentally.

(*d*) To identify the different roads in a Panchayat and for locating their starting points.

(*e*)	*1112.*	*1113.*
S. Dn.	Rs. 205—14—7	Rs. 708—1—8
C. Dn.	,, 357—10—8	,, 1,002—6—9
N. Dn.	,, 360—11—8	,, 549—2—3

Average.

(*e*)	*1112.*	*1113.*
S. Dn.	Rs. 2—15— 9	Rs. 4—1— 1
C. Dn.	,, 2—10— 8	,, 4—4— 3
N. Dn.	,, 4— 9—11	,, 3—9—10

(*f*) Yes. The name-boards were got made by the respective road maintenance contractors in 1112 before these boards were got made departmentally in 1113. This accounts for the different patterns of boards.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Sir, in answer to (*d*) it is stated that the boards are meant for identifying the different roads in a Panchayat. May I know whether they are meant for the Panchayat Department Officers or for the general public?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I believe, it is for the information of the general public.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Almost all the boards are inscribed in English and in several of them the names given are not the proper ones. If these boards are meant for the guidance of the general public, why not they be written in Malayalam?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Hereafter the new boards will be written in Malayalam.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): It was stated in the answer that these boards were entrusted to the contractors in 1112 and they were departmentally made in 1113. What is the special reason that prompted the Government in having a departure from the old practice?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): We thought that the Departmental work would be more uniform and that the work also will be better finished.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): From the figures given it is seen that there is an excess of Rs. 2 in the case of one board for 1113. There is a large difference when the work was taken up by the Department.

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Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I may assure the House that the whole matter is under investigation. I am going to have a thorough investigation of the matter and the result of such investigation will be given to the House, if this question is put some time later on.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know the name of the contractor or contractors who are entrusted with this?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): This time they were made by the department. As regards the name of contractors in the previous years, I have not got the information here ready. But I shall give you the same tomorrow, if necessary.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): The Hon'ble Minister was saying that he was going to conduct an investigation. What kind of.....

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): There is disparity in the prices of these boards in the three divisions. I wanted to know whether it is due to any natural cause or due to the carelessness on the part of the Department.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Even on roads which are not even a furlong in length, these boards are put in certain cases. Do Government think that there is necessity for putting up boards in such roads?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): By putting one board there, it won't do any harm. The only thing is that a little more money is spent. We will consider that aspect also.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): Regarding the increase in the expenditure on each board in 1113, is it because of the increase in the number of boards prepared in 1113?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): No. It is the average cost that is given there.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): What are these boards made of?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Concrete.

KEEPING OF COWS BY OFFICERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

335. **Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon** (*Narakkal*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) is there any stipulation that officers of the Agricultural Department cannot keep cows for their needs;

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